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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of

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For: METHOD FOR MANAGING PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION WITH RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

Enclosed are:

- Three (3) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-3.
- An Assignment of the invention to NGK INSULATORS, LTD.; ASAHI TEC CORPORATION; and MEIKO TRANS CO., LTD..
- Certified copy of Japanese application No. 2000-325534.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- This application is not entitled to small entity status.
- A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- An Information Disclosure Statement.
- The executed Declaration and Assignment and full filing fees will follow in due course.

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Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$ 84.00=	\$	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$ 280.00=	\$	
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Respectfully submitted,

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